(b) and (c) No Sir. The potable water supply in Mayur Vihar, Phase-III, is being made through local tubewell. Water from DJB sources shall be available after the completion of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant which is likely by December, 2003.

Withdrawal of work of constrcution of houses from DDA

614. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to withdraw the work relating to the construction of houses from Delhi Development Authority; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Disposal of Garbage

†615. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to prepare the manure by disposing the filthy water and garbage permanently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Since Solid Waste Management is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies to take measures for disposal of garbage through appropriate technologies, including composting of biodegradable waste. However, during 9th Plan, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation had given financial support under the scheme of 'Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizers' for setting up of 9 compost plants by

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Municipal Corporations in the States of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Gujarat and Delhi. Total amount of Rs. 3.99 crores was released to the States towards cost of machinery and building @Rs. 50 lakhs for each plant.

This Scheme has since been transferred to macro Management mode and the States can now take up this activity during 10th Plan through the Scheme of Work Plans of the State Governments.

(c) Does not arise.

West Bengal for payment of arrear of service charges

616. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Urban Development Ministry of West Bengal regarding payment of arrear of service charges from various Central Government organisations to the local bodies;

(b) the approximate total outstanding amount; and

(c) the action being taken to clear the dues to the local bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) A reference was received from Government of West Bengal in 1994 in which the details of payment of arrear of service charges from various Central Government organizations to the local bodies was mentioned. The total dues was amounting to Rs. 2299.49 lakhs. As the issue raised by the Government of West Bengal pertains to various Central Ministries, a copy of the statement of outstanding dues was circulated to them for clearing the outstanding dues. The Government of West Bengal was also advised to directly interact with the individual Department with full details for speedy disposal/settlement of pending dues of service charges.